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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR LOW'S REPLY TO SENATOR HAYAKAWA'S

MESSAGE

REF: LUSAKA 2206

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO SENATOR HAYAKAWA:

OUOTE DEAR SENATOR HAYAKAWA: THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE TO ME OF JUNE 19. IT REACHED ME IN PRETORIA AS I WAS ABOUT TO RETURN TO SALISBURY. WHILE VISIBLE PROGRESS TOWARDS GETTING THE PARTIES TOGETHER HAS BEEN SLOW AND NO DRAMATIC BREAKTHROUGHS HAVE OCCURRED, I FEEL THAT WE ARE MAKING SOME HEADWAY. THERE IS A GROWING RECOGNITION INSIDE RHODESIA THAT THERE MUST BE FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE PARTIES IF THE WAR IS TO BE ENDED. BUT THERE ARE MANY PARTIES, EACH SEEKING HIS OWN INTERESTS IN THE NAME OF THE NATIONAL GOOD. I BELIEVE THEY ARE INCREASINGLY SEEING THE NEED TO GET TOGETHER AND I DO NOT FEEL, THEREFORE. THAT WE AREFACING AN IMPASSE AT THE MOMENT. I HAVE SEEN SAMUEL MUNODAWAFA AND JOHN NKOMO ON THREE OR FOUR OCCASIONS SINCE OUR MEETING. THEY HAVE NOT MENTIONED AGAIN YOUR OFFER OF BRINGING THE PARTIES TOGETHER, ALTHOUGH I AM CERTAIN THEY REMEMBER IT AND APPRECIATE THE SPIRIT IN WHICH IT WAS TENDERED. IF CONFIDENTIAL.

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YOU WISH, I WOULD BE GLAD TO ASK THEM WHETHER THEY
HAVE HAD ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS ON THE MATTER WHEN I RETURN
TO LUSAKA, WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE NEXT WEEK. THERE ARE,
OF COURSE, INVOLVED IN THE DISPUTE, ZAPU'S PARTNER IN
THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, ZANU, AS WELL AS THE INTERNAL
PARTIES, SMITH AND THE FRONTLINE COUNTRIES. I DO
NOT KNOW WHETHER YOU HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED THEM OR WHAT

THEIR VIEWS WOULD BE. MAY I SUGGEST THAT YOU DISCUSS THIS WITH DICK MOOSE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT. HE MAY BE ABLE TO ADVISE YOU REGARDING IT. I APPRECIATE YOUR PAST AND CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE MATTER WHICH I BELIEVE WILL REQUIRE SYMPATHETIC AND INFORMED SUPPORT IN THE SENATE. SINCERELY, AMBASSADOR STEPHEN LOW EDMONDSON

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